



REFUSE & RECYCLING INFORMATION
July 2011 - June 2012

All collections of both residential refuse and recycling take place on **WEDNESDAY** except when an observed holiday occurs on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, at which time collections are moved to **THURSDAY**, as follows:

HOLIDAY	DATE	COLLECTION DAY
Independence Day	Sun. July 4, 2011	Thur. July 7, 2011
Labor Day	Mon. Sept. 5, 2011	Thur. Sept. 8, 2011
Columbus Day	Mon. Oct. 10, 2011	Thur. Oct. 13, 2011
Christmas Day	Sun. Dec.25, 2011	Thur. Dec. 29, 2011
New Years Day	Sun. Jan. 1, 2012	Thur. Jan. 5, 2012
Martin L. King Day	Mon. Jan 16, 2012	Thur. Jan. 19, 2012
President’s Day	Mon. Feb. 20, 2012	Thur. Feb. 23, 2012
Patriot’s Day	Mon. Apr. 16, 2012	Thur. Apr. 19, 2012
Memorial Day	Mon. May 28, 2012	Thur. May 31, 2012

AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION STARTS OCTOBER 5, 2011



A 48 gallon town-provided refuse cart will be delivered to eligible households during the last two weeks of September. **Do not use new refuse cart until Wednesday, October 5.** Place refuse in regular trash bags before placing in the cart. The refuse cart should be at least 3 feet away from all obstacles such as trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants and parked cars. Cart lid must be closed and the opening of the cart should face the street. Excess refuse may be placed in Official Bedford Overflow bags which will be available for sale **at local retailers**. Bags are sold in rolls of five for \$7.50 (\$1.50/bag)

Residents may pay for the use of a second refuse cart at the Department of Public Works at 314 The Great Road. The annual fee for second cart is \$150 for the first year and \$100 thereafter. The fee includes cost of the cart and the collection and disposal of the additional refuse.



Remember Recycling Saves Space in your cart

Bulky items: Call Allied waste Services at 1-800-442-9006 by Tuesday at 5pm to schedule collection of bulky items. Limit of one (1) bulky item per household for each collection. Examples of bulky items include tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs and couches. Bulky items are items that are too large to fit in the refuse cart but DO NOT include items covered in Special Collections.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

White Goods: (Limit one/collection)

- Refrigerators / freezers
(Doors removed)
- Air Conditioners
- Washers/Dryers
- Stoves/Microwaves



Electronics: (No Limit)

- Televisions
- Computers & Monitors



Call Allied Waste Services directly at 1-800-442-9006. Collections take place every other week on Monday. To schedule a pick up on the next collection, call by Friday at 5pm. Place items on the curb 12 hours before collection.

Save old refuse barrels to hold recyclable bottles and cans. Watch for announcement about date to recycle unwanted refuse barrels. TBA

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Household hazardous waste may be taken to the **MINUTEMAN HAZARDOUS COLLECTION FACILITY** on **HARTWELL AVENUE IN LEXINGTON** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the following days:



- Saturday, July 16, 2011
- Saturday, August 20, 2011
- SUNDAY**, September 18, 2011
- Saturday, October 15, 2011
- Saturday, November 5, 2011


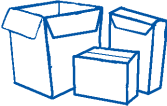







Pre-Registration is required through the Bedford Board of Health,781-275-6507

RECYCLING



The Department of Public Works would like to thank the Bedford community for their recycling efforts. Overall this past year, the Town of Bedford achieved a 27% recycling rate by diverting 1,684 tons of recycling materials from going to the incinerator and realizing a cost savings of \$122,956.82 in disposal fees. With your continued support, we hope to increase recycling rates while minimizing refuse disposal fees. Commingled recyclables (plastic, glass and metal containers) are to be placed in the bin **BEFORE** placing paper recyclables on top of the bin. Additional recycling bins are for sale at the Department of Public Works for \$7 each.

	MATERIAL	WHAT TO RECYCLE	HOW TO PREPARE	DO NOT INCLUDE
	PAPER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Shredded paper▲ Newspapers/inserts▲ Magazines, paperback books and catalogs▲ Junk mail▲ Phone books▲ Office paper▲ Paperboard (cereal and shoe boxes etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Shred paper, wrap in newspaper and place in paper bag▲ Papers in brown paper grocery bags▲ Window envelopes, staples and paper clips o.k.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Food-soiled paper/boxes▲ PLASTIC BAGS▲ Paper towels or tissues▲ Hardcover books
Beside or on top of Bin	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES  All cardboard must be cut to 30"x 30" or smaller, and flattened. Stack beside recycling bin on curb. Cardboard must be clean, free of food, dirt or grease CARDBOARD that does not meet the specification WILL NOT be collected			
	PLASTIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Soda & detergent bottles▲ Plastic milk, juice & water jugs▲ All  thru  containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ RINSE▲ Crush if possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ PLASTIC BAGS▲ Motor oil or chemical containers▲ Bottle caps▲ Styrofoam packing peanuts or large styrofoam pieces▲ Antifreeze containers
Put in Recycling Bin First	GLASS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Clear, green and brown food and beverage containers only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ RINSE▲ Collars, neck rings & labels ok	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Bottle caps & corks▲ Broken glass▲ Ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs & drinking glasses
	METAL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans▲ Metal food cans▲ Aluminum pie plates and trays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ RINSE▲ Crush if possible▲ Labels ok	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Aluminum foil, paint cans, metal items, aerosol cans, coat hangers

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AUTUMN LEAF COLLECTIONS

Residents have two (2) options for the disposal of leaves, brush, and yardwaste. **CURBSIDE COLLECTION** is offered during 4 weeks in the fall and **Drop off** is allowed at the **CARLISLE ROAD** landfill on 15 Saturdays each year. Proof of residency is required. No commercial yardwaste is accepted. **Detailed instructions and schedule will be mailed separately.**

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